

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - _____
A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY
OF RALEIGH FOR A NOVEMBER 2012 REFERENDUM TO
AUTHORIZE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ONE-HALF CENT
SALES TAX AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR
TRANSIT PURPOSES.

Whereas, the North Carolina General Assembly has authorized certain counties, including Wake County, to hold a referendum to give the public the opportunity to vote on the imposition of a one-half cent sales tax to be used to pay for additional transit services; and

Whereas, the two Metropolitan Planning Organizations serving the greater Triangle area have completed work on a Long Range Transportation Plan to carry the area through 2035; and

Whereas, Wake County has proposed a transit plan that includes a Core Service Plan element providing enhanced bus and commuter rail service that can be implemented if the one-half cent sales tax is approved by the voters; and

Whereas, the entire region cannot continue its growth and prosperity without the significant transportation improvements that the additional one-half cent sales tax can provide; and

Whereas, the referendum necessary to authorize the one-half cent sales tax cannot be held without the approval of the Wake County Board of Commissioners and, the sooner the election can be held the sooner improvements can begin;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH THAT THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS IS HEREBY REQUESTED AND URGED TO
AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF THE QUESTION OF A ONE-HALF
CENT ADDITIONAL SALES TAX FOR TRANSIT ON THE BALLOT
FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION SO THAT THE
VOTERS CAN APPROVE MUCH NEEDED TRANSIT
IMPROVEMENTS.

Approved: